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TESTIMONY OF
STATE REPRESENTATIVE SANDY NAFIS, 27TH DISTRICT

Re: Governor's Bill HB 6367
"Eliminates the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council"

Human Services Committee Public Hearing

February 26, 2013

Senator Slossberg and State Representative Abercrombie and members of the committee, thank you for raising this bill for a public hearing and for the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition of HB 6367 the Elimination of Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council in the Governor's Bill.

BHPOC was created to oversee the state's publicly funded behavioral health programs for eligible children and adults. These programs are funded by both federal and state dollars. The council responsibilities are to review proposed contracts, performance of state programs, proposals for service rates, and consumer grievance procedures.

I feel that the work of the BHPOC is crucial and beneficial to the state of Connecticut. This council offers transparency and accountability that is beneficial for our state. The BHPOC is supported by one paid staff member, and therefore the costs associated with the council are minimal which is a huge saving's for the state.

In closing, I would like to thank you for your consideration in not eliminating the Behavioral Health Partnership Oversight Council.